

I support the NAB Petition seeking a Declaratory Ruling on satellite radio's broadcasting of local weather, traffic and future plans to expand their reach into local radio. XM and Sirius have blatantly broken their promises, launching "localized" traffic and weather service in the top 21 markets. Originally, satellite radio was to be national and local broadcasters would not be harmed. Without FCC intervention, two companies, with 120 channels each, will reach into every market and try to mimic what local broadcasters do. Satellite radio doesn't have public interest limits or ownership limits and no local investment in their communities. We fully fund and execute daily local traffic reports to the Tucson market and give millions of dollars of public service time to our community each year. The FCC, in authorizing satellite radio, vowed to protect "vibrant" local broadcasting and promised to take "any necessary action to safeguard the important service that terrestrial radio provides. That time is now. Before XM and Sirius invest millions of dollars in technology, and further raise consumer's expectations about their ability to receive specific content, the FCC must clarify it authorized a national-only satellite radio service.